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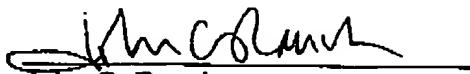
REMARKS

This is a continuation application claiming priority of copending application serial number 09/322,677. By this paper, claims 1-68, allowed in parent application serial number 09/322,677, have been cancelled and new claims 69 - 135 have been submitted for examination. Claims 69-78 were submitted in the parent application and subsequently cancelled to obtain early allowance and issuance of the parent application as a patent. Claims 79-95 and 133-135 are newly submitted. Claims 96-132 generally track claims 15-51 of the parent application but use somewhat different language.

This application incorporates by reference the specification of parent application serial number 09/322,677, including the microfiche appendix filed therewith. The file wrapper for application serial number 09/322,677 is not currently available at the USPTO so a copy of the microfiche appendix can not be made. As soon as application serial number 09/322,677 issues as a US patent and the file wrapper is available, a copy of the microfiche appendix will be made and provided to the file of the present application.

With this Amendment, the application is believed to be in condition for early action on the merits. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be helpful in expediting examination and allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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